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Letter to the Editor



To the Editor of The Hour:

In response to a recent opinion article, "Cutting the car tax not the right move for state," 4/11/06, may I offer the opposing viewpoint?

Anytime we can eliminate a tax, we ought to jump at the chance. Some 37 other states pay no annual property tax on their cars. Why not Connecticut? It is a nuisance tax, a confusing bureaucratic nightmare and a relatively small revenue producer for all the administrative hassles it causes the towns.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell came up with a way to eliminate the tax, to pay the towns for lost revenue, to protect senior citizens and accommodate many other concerns. The majority party, however, has made it a partisan issue. Since they didn't think of the idea, they reject the governor's effort to repeal this unpopular tax.

If they don't like the way the governor's repeal proposal works, they ought to work to find a better way. Their rigid opposition make it appear as if they do not want to repeal any tax of any kind on the overly burdened Connecticut taxpayers.

Let's work in a bipartisan manner toward repealing many of the taxes that other states have already repealed. Let's make Connecticut more competitive and more attractive to families and businesses. It's only common sense.

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